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SUBJECT: INDIAN CHARGES ON US POISON GAS AT DIEGO GARCIA

REF: NEW DELHI 5374

1. TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER MAURYA'S CHARGES THAT THE US
IS STOCKPILING POISON GASES ON DIEGO GARCIA THAT HAVE BEEN
REMOVED FROM OKINAWA, YOU MAY REPLY "NONSENSE" OR WHATEVER
APPROXIMATION OF THAT SEEMS APPROPRIATE. THE US IS NOT
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NOW, HAS NOT EVER, AND IS GIVING NO THOUGHT TO STORING,

STOCKPILING, OR OTHERWISE KEEPING POISONOUS GASES ON OR TRANSFERRING THEM TO DIEGO GARCIA.

2. REGARDING THE KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP, IT WAS SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT THE STRAITS OF MALACCA OUTBOUND ON APRIL 23. YOU WERE QUITE RIGHT TO DENY BOTH THAT THE TASK GROUP VESSELS HAD BEEN STATIONED AT DIEGO GARCIA, OR, FOR THAT MATTER, THAT THEY HAD EVER CALLED THERE. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO BASE ANY SHIPS AT DIEGO GARCIA, AND YOU ARE FREE TO SO STATE.

3. FYI ONLY, WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP, OUR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN IS BACK TO THE COMIDEASTFOR CORE. CETERIS PARIBUS, WE MAY SEND IN SOMETHING APPROACHING THE BAINBRIDGE TASK GROUP LATER IN SUMMER I.E. A TASK GROUP LED BY A CRUISER-TYPE SHIP, BUT PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM. YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED. END FYI. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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